



**draft MINUTES**

**ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ADVISORY BOARD**

3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Planning Conference Room

7447 E. Indian School Road

March 19, 2003

5:30 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Environmental Quality Advisory Board was called to order at 5:42 p.m. by Don Manthe, Vice Chair. The presence of a quorum was noted.

**ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Don Manthe, Vice Chair  
Lynn Ashby  
Michele Cohen  
Brian Munson

Members Absent: Daniel Basinger (excused absence)  
Randy Nussbaum (excused absence)  
Michael Mulroy

City Staff Present: Larry Person  
Chuck Skidmore  
Raun Keagy  
Decima Sever  
Anthony Floyd  
Rick Forgas

Others Present: Bodo Diehn  
Debbie Martin  
Noah Johnson-Greenough

## **APPROVAL OF 2/19/03 MEETING MINUTES**

On motion made by Board Member Ashby and seconded by Board Member Munson, the minutes from the 2/19/03 meeting were approved. The motion passed unanimously.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- **Earth Day 2003**

Ms. Sever provided the Board with a brief update on Scottsdale Clean and Beautiful Month. She recalled that the Board had made a commitment to support the April 12 Neighborhood Cleanup Day. She advised the Board Members that a trolley had been reserved for the day and that the Pride Committee and Neighborhood Enhancement members had also been invited to participate. Ms. Sever also commented on the Adopt-A-Road Event on April 26.

- **Green Building Report**

Mr. Hand commented that Board Member Mulroy and Board Member Cohen had been in attendance at the last Green Building Committee meeting and that their presence was appreciated. He went on to report that Mr. Floyd is currently working on the Progress Report for the Green Building Program. The Report will provide a perspective of the Program since its inception in 1998 to the present. He also advised the Board that Mr. Floyd would be involved in enforcement of the Green Building Program through plan review and the inspection process.

Mr. Hand stated that three DC Ranch builders have submitted their plans for participation in the Green Building Program. He noted that a church and several other projects had also indicated that they would be pursuing the green certification. Mr. Floyd pointed out that there had been 183 projects from 1998 through the end of 2002, and that the anticipated number of single-family lots with the DC Ranch project was approximately 514.

Mr. Hand also reported on the progress of the Remodeling Guidelines, and anticipated that the document would be ready for publication by the beginning of summer. He provided the flier for the Green Building Expo and noted that it would be held again at Phoenix Civic Plaza on October 3 and 4. He concluded by noting that there had been a great response to the Lecture Series on the first Thursday of the month, and that the new Solar Lecture Series was becoming popular as well.

- **Noise Issue Additional Information**

Raun Keagy provided the Board Members with copies of noise ordinances from the cities of Tempe and Mesa. He also distributed a noise ordinance enforcement summary and discussed the differences and similarities among Glendale, Phoenix, Paradise Valley, Tempe, and Mesa. Mr. Keagy pointed out the difficulties involved in enforcement of noise complaints related to non-stationary sources. He explained that noise complaints in Scottsdale are handled by the police department, code enforcement, and through mediation by Neighborhood Services. He distributed a hand out on alternative approaches to noise issues. Discussion ensued. Vice Chair Manthe directed Mr. Keagy to coordinate efforts with Board Member Nussbaum and his sub-committee on noise issues. Board Member Ashby stated that she had indicated her interest in serving on the sub-committee. It was decided to table any further appointments or action until Board Member Nussbaum was present.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Sustainability Indicators Report**

Vice Chair Manthe provided some background information regarding the report and the need for cost savings together with time and staff resources in subsequent issues of the report. Mr. Forgas authored the revisions and explained to the Board that the formatting changes had been slight, but should result in significant cost savings. He noted that the report was not yet complete, but that the final version would be available soon. He also commented that the report would be available on CD and on the web site in the near future. Mr. Person commended Mr. Forgas for the quality of his work on the document. There was discussion regarding the name of the report being changed to Community Indicators Report, and it was the consensus that "Community" was a more appropriate title. Vice Chair Manthe stated that review of the final report would be an agenda item for the following meeting.

## **UPDATES AND REMINDERS**

- Household Hazardous Waste Day. Vice Chair Manthe reminded the Board Members that the event would be held on April 5, 2003 at the Corporation Yard from 7:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.
- Christmas in April, April 5. Mr. Person explained that the goal of the event is to rehabilitate homes of low-income, disabled seniors and non-profit facilities by conducting home and safety repairs.
- Neighborhood Clean Up Day, April 12, 2003
- Adopt-A-Road, Scottsdale Clean and Scenic, April 26, 2003
- Next Month's Meeting theme is Energy. Vice Chair Manthe observed that the regularly scheduled meeting date falls on the first night of Passover.

Discussion ensued and it was decided to change the meeting date to April 23 at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Person explained that April 22 was the official Earth Day and that Valley Forward would sponsor an educational event for school age children at the Arizona Center on that date.

Vice Chair Manthe called attention to the updated work plan in the Board Member packets.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Debbie Martin addressed the Board and stated that she and her husband had resided in Scottsdale and 30 years. She voiced her dissatisfaction with the absence of a noise ordinance that governs amplified music and live disc jockeys in residential areas. She stated that the police department does not have the authority to issue citations in these cases. She commented that mediation was not an option in her opinion, nor could she handle the problem through the court system. Ms. Martin asked the Board to support a noise ordinance prohibiting amplified music and live disc jockeys in residential neighborhoods.

On motion made and duly seconded, the regular meeting of the Environmental Quality Advisory Board was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Swanberg  
Court Reporter